



## **RESOLUTION**

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**COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE AND RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, PROVIDING WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE.**

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution originally left individual states with considerable discretion to establish voter qualifications and, as a result, white male property owners were often the only Americans who were permitted to vote; and

WHEREAS, the 14th and 15th Amendments to the United States Constitution, passed in 1868 and 1870, respectively, extended the right to vote to African American men; and

WHEREAS in the mid-1800s, women's rights activists formally began the fight to win the right to vote for women, which many Americans considered, at the time, to be a radical change to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the first national women's suffrage organizations were established in 1869 by Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Lucy Stone; and

WHEREAS, generations of women's rights advocates worked tirelessly for decades lecturing, writing, marching, and lobbying in support of a women's right to vote; and

WHEREAS, some women's suffrage supporters used militant tactics such as going on hunger strikes, attacking property, and performing acts of civil disobedience; and

WHEREAS, in 1872, Susan B. Anthony was arrested for voting in Rochester, New York, denied a trial by jury, found guilty, and fined \$100 in a widely publicized trial that gave the women's suffrage movement fresh momentum; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1878, a women's suffrage constitutional amendment was introduced in Congress each year, but these measures repeatedly failed to gain enough support to pass; and

WHEREAS, however, by the early part of the 20th century, many territories and states began granting women the right to vote, and by 1916 President Woodrow Wilson was convinced by his daughters to support women's suffrage; and



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WHEREAS, on May 21, 1919, the United States House of Representatives passed the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, providing American women the right to vote, and two weeks later the United States Senate followed; and

WHEREAS, from 1919 to 1920, state legislatures considered the amendment, which passed its final hurdle for certification by obtaining the agreement of three-fourths of the states when Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the amendment on August 18, 1920; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 1920, the United States Secretary of State, Bainbridge Colby, certified the ratification of the 19th Amendment, bringing voting parity to American women and changing the face of the American electorate forever; and

WHEREAS, the introduction, passage, and ultimate ratification of the 19th Amendment were the culmination of decades of work and struggle by women's rights advocates across the United States and worldwide; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2019, the United States Senate passed Senate Resolution 212, introduced by California Senator Dianne Feinstein and Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski, and cosponsored by every female senator, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, upon passage of Senate Resolution 212, Senator Feinstein noted:

"I'm thrilled to see this resolution celebrating 100 years of women's suffrage pass the Senate. The right to vote is among the most basic freedoms guaranteed to Americans by the Constitution, and denying that right to women was an injustice. The passage of the 19th Amendment was a groundbreaking moment in American history that set us on the path to full equality"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the centennial anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment commemorates a quantum leap forward for the American democratic system to be remembered and celebrated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Council commemorates the 100th anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, providing women the right to vote, and honors the heroic efforts of those in the women's suffrage movement and the critical role of women in shaping and sustaining our American democracy through the exercise of their right to vote; and



**CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
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No. 20-54

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Governor, the Speaker of the State House of Representatives, and the President of the State Senate.

INTRODUCED BY:

*Kym Rine*  
*Hilda Tsunoyoshi*

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**FEB 19 2020**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
C E R T I F I C A T E

RESOLUTION 20-54

Introduced: 02/19/20 By: KYMBERLY PINE Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS  
HEIDI TSUNEYOSHI AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Title: RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE AND RATIFICATION OF THE  
19<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION PROVIDING WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

07/14/20	EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS	CR-166 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION. 6 AYES: ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MENOR, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS. 3 EXCUSED: ANDERSON, MANAHAN, PINE.
08/19/20	COUNCIL	CR-166 AND RESOLUTION 20-54 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER